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NATIONAL HOME DEMONSTRATION WEEK\*

Recognition of Volunteer Leaders in 1950

Reported by State home demonstration leaders and county home demonstration agents of the 48 States. The Extension Service has always had a high appreciation of the assistance given by volunteer leaders. National Home Demonstration Week offers an unusual opportunity to give recognition to volunteer leaders whose services have contributed greatly to the development of better homes and community life.

M. L. Wilson, Director of Extension Work, said in his letter to America's 400,000 volunteer home demonstration leaders:

"You volunteer local leaders give freely of yourselves, your time, and your efforts to carry the opportunities of home demonstration work to the homemakers of your communities. You are the women the county home demonstration agent depends upon to assist her in carrying latest information in the science of homemaking to the last farmhouse on the most remote road. Your reward is the satisfaction of doing a worth while job and strengthening the American family and home."

Arthur S. Adams, former president of the University of New Hampshire, wrote when addressing the volunteer local leaders of New Hampshire:

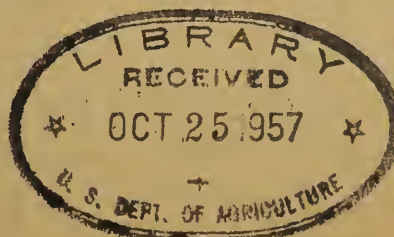
"You have given willingly and unselfishly of your time and energy, and have contributed a great deal to the success of our home demonstration extension program. Through your efforts, home-making information has reached an ever-increasing number of persons.

"I think the words inscribed over the door of a large USO Club apply as well to each of you as they did to the men and women of the armed forces who used that building during the last war. The motto read: 'Through These Doors Pass the Best People on Earth—Those Who Serve.'"

Appreciation of home demonstration volunteer leaders was expressed in the States by extension workers in the following ways:

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### Arizona

"Orchid to You" certificates were presented to home demonstration project leaders and club officers and to women 4-H Club leaders. These certificates were signed by the county home demonstration agent and State home demonstration leader.

### Arkansas

Project leaders invited home demonstration club members to their homes to see result demonstrations they themselves had carried out during the year.

### California

At the county-wide Home Demonstration Day programs special tributes were paid to project and community leaders by State extension leaders. At one meeting 100 leaders from several counties were present. In addition to the tributes, corsages made either of flowers or of clover, prints and buttons were presented to the leaders. Some counties used ribbon badges of different colors for the several projects in the presentation to leaders.

### Connecticut

A State-wide Home Demonstration Get-Together was attended by 300 home demonstration group chairmen and county home economics committee members. Each county was represented in the discussion of major activities of the past year and plans for the future.

"Orchid to You" certificates signed by the home demonstration agent and the county Farm Bureau president were presented to leaders. The tinted orchids were on yellow paper for the county home economics extension chairmen and on purple paper for the chairmen of home demonstration groups and for local project leaders.

### Florida

Certificates of recognition of leadership in home demonstration work were presented to all members of home demonstration groups who have been active for at least 10 years. The certificates were signed by the State extension director, State home demonstration leader, and the county home demonstration agent.

Special teas and dinners were given to honor women who had been members of groups 25 years or more.

### Georgia

A letter-writing contest on "What Home Demonstration Work Means to Me" was conducted. A large number of local leaders participated in the contest.

### Idaho

In some counties "An Orchid to You" letter signed by the home demonstration agent was sent to all women belonging to the home demonstration clubs.

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### Kansas

At the county-wide open house meetings all homemakers who had belonged to home demonstration groups for 15 years or more were given some special recognition. Blue seals were put on certificates for 20 years and the home demonstration seal for 25 years. Pictures of such leaders with a feature story appeared in the papers. Special recognition was also given to the project leaders of 15 years at the 12 district meetings held over the State. County home demonstration advisory committees cooperated in planning the meetings.

### Maine

"Orchid to You" letters signed by county home demonstration agents were presented to county and community leaders in home demonstration activities. In some counties "Orchid to You" certificates signed by the president of the county Farm Bureau, the county agricultural agent, and the home demonstration agent were presented to the chairmen of all home demonstration groups. Corsages were presented to executive committee members in each county.

In one county special recognition was given to leaders who had conducted meeting and had given instruction to extension groups outside their own communities. Eleven such leaders were honored in the county.

A four-generation extension leadership family was given the spotlight at meetings and in the press.

### Mississippi

County and tri-county banquets with large numbers attending were the favorite occasions for tributes to local leaders.

### Montana

Recognition ceremonies were staged in honor of local leaders and of the long-time members of home demonstration clubs at the county meetings. Charter members of clubs were given special recognition, and their pictures appeared in the papers.

### Nebraska

"Extension work Has a Certain Gladness" was the title of an article written by a home demonstration club member and leader of 20 years, telling of the value of the demonstration and leadership programs to her, her family, and her neighbors. This article was published in the papers. The chamber of commerce in one county gave a special dinner honoring the volunteer leaders.

### New Hampshire

Through well-prepared letters, each home demonstration agent paid special tribute to each local leader in the counties.



### North Carolina

At the annual spring meeting of the County Home Demonstration Federation, 200 members from 20 clubs were present. A gavel was presented to the club with the largest attendance.

### North Dakota

Special programs at meetings, teas, and luncheons were presented by clubs honoring their charter members. Home demonstration pins were presented to charter members.

### Ohio

An "Orchid to You" letter signed by county home demonstration agents was sent to local leaders. Some agents sent attractive "thank you" letters to all members of home demonstration groups.

### Oregon

At the Homemakers' Festivals, certificates were presented to the standard units or groups meeting certain requirements. A gavel is awarded to the unit in a county each year for outstanding accomplishment with stress on home demonstration and 4-H Club activities.

### Pennsylvania

At each meeting tribute was paid to local leaders and chairmen of groups.

### Texas

In some counties charter members were presented corsages at special meetings during the week.

### Utah

The extension editor and a radio announcer visited outstanding leaders in several counties and made recordings of the discussions with them about their home demonstration activities. These recordings were broadcast each morning during Home Demonstration Week. This did much to recognize the work of the leaders as well as to better acquaint the general public with the home demonstration program.

### Vermont

Recognition certificates, together with corsages, were presented to members belonging to clubs 25 years. The certificates were signed by the county home demonstration agents and presidents of county home demonstration councils.



### Virginia

Director Wilson's letter to local leaders was made a part of the printed or mimeographed programs of meetings of the week.

### West Virginia

County home demonstration agents paid special tribute to local leaders through press articles. In one county a tea was given to honor former county home demonstration council presidents and also former home demonstration agents of the county.

### Wisconsin

In some counties home demonstration agents sent letters of appreciation to all leaders. An article, Home Demonstration Week Calls Attention to Home Demonstration Club Leaders, and editorials appeared in papers. In one county four project leaders told what they did in home demonstration work on tape recording for broadcasting.

### Wyoming

Home demonstration club members of 20 years' standing who had helped to develop the home demonstration program were presented certificates at special teas and meetings.



